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CALLING ALL PASTORS

Please send us the names and addresses of your Y.P.E. and Sunday School officers. A million thanks! Address them to Lee College Booster Club, Cleveland, Tennessee.

To whom it may concern, this is to notify you that C. E. Hamilton is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—H. O. Harris, overseer, Church of God in Iowa.

I am in the evangelistic work. Rev. J. L. Goins, my state overseer, and Rev. Shelton G. Brock, my pastor at Hamilton, Ohio, can be contacted for

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**OHIO STATE
CAMP MEETING and CONVENTION**

TIME: June 10-20, 1948

PLACE: Methodist Campgrounds,
Lancaster, Ohio

SPEAKERS:

Rev. Earl P. Paulk --- Rev. R. P. Johnson

reference.—Wiley W. Miller, 209 Cereal Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

We have need of an evangelist who desires to work in the State of Illinois. We have a district tent, used only once. We would like to have a man and his wife who can play musical instruments and who has a house trailer, to use our district tent on the Springfield District.

Please pray about this and address me at once, so we can begin now as we can use the tent only in the summer months.

If you do not have a house trailer, get in touch with us anyway. Perhaps we can find some solution.—C. W. Kerce, District Overseer, 722 East Woodlawn, Clinton, Illinois.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Daisy Spence, please send me her address. She is a widow and very much in need.—Mary Dean, 2111 Curin Ave., Durham, N. C.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

Hogsed

Mrs. Monoree Bowen Hogsed, age twenty-one, died at Petrie Hospital, Murphy, N. C., March 23. Surviving are a husband, infant daughter, mother, and host of relatives and friends. She was saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, added to the Shooting Creek, N. C., Church of God, and faithfully and cheerfully serving as Sunday School secretary and pianist. Her Christian influence will not soon be forgotten by those who knew her righteous efforts and labors of love. The funeral was conducted at Shooting Creek Church of God and interment in the church cemetery adjoining, by Rev. L. W. Price, Pastor, and Glover P. Ledford, District Pastor.

COVER PICTURE

The congregation of the Church of God, 226 N. Second Street, West Helena, Ark., Rev. A. J. Murray, pastor, has just completed what almost amounts to a miracle in these days of excessive costs of materials and labor and shortages of both.

Reverend Murray and his congregation have completed and dedicated a fine new \$30,000 church building which is a credit to the community and the people who built it. And, Reverend Murray says "nearly every one had a hand in it"—either through contributions of cash or labor.

The edifice is constructed of red Insulbric and finished in Celotex inside. It has a main auditorium 30x64 feet, seven Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, baptistry, and built-in section for the choir, constructed of scorched pine.

Work of building the church was started fifteen months ago and it has been a long and hard struggle. "If it had not been for the generosity of our friends, we could never have accomplished the job," Reverend Murray says. "And," he adds, "we owe only about \$2,500 on the building."

The pastor, not only served as architect and construction superintendent, but wielded a hammer and saw all during the construction of the church.

Dedicatory services were conducted on September 12.—From *The Phillips County Herald* of December 4.

God's Healing Power

HOLLYWOOD, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. About two years ago I wrote to the Evangel for prayer and an anointed cloth for my mother, Mrs. R. L. Shirley, who had a heart attack. Brother Jernigan sent me the anointed cloth, and praise God, she got well and has never had another one.—Bessie Franklin.

Where Is the God of Elijah Today?

Rev. U. L. Hudlow, Sr.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH GOD'S CHILDREN?

Isaiah 40:28-31. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. . . . they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

What a promise! In this hour when men are bending beneath the burden of a sin-sick world, how it gives a lift to one's soul to contemplate the words of this great and blessed promise.

Acts 17:24, 25, 28, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; for in him we live . . ." Enoch walked with God. Abraham was the friend of God, David was a man after God's own heart, and Jesus came to perfectly reveal the Father.

The determining factor in knowing God as Father is our willingness to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. All things are possible to him who believes and acts on the Word. Here is what I see wrong with you and me. As most preachers, we are standing in the way of the progress of our churches. We must lift the standard high, and we should spend four or five hours a day in prayer and studying God's Word.

I was very much impressed by what Brother H. L. Chesser said in the prayer conference at Salinas, Calif.: "The first four hours of the day should be devoted to prayer and study. The pastor can find so many things for meditation. By constant study, he will be able to bring to his congregation things new and old. I am sure if you do this and teach your congregation to pray, you will have souls saved in your regular services all

along, and your Sunday School and church will grow."

Psalm 23:2, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." Spiritualizing this verse, we may say the green pastures and still waters refer to the spiritual nourishment which the child of God receives as he waits upon God in the study of His Word and in prayer. There can be no spiritual strength sufficient to walk in the paths of righteousness unless time is taken to lie down in the green pastures of the Divine Word and by the still waters of prayer. To lie down is the first lesson the Great Shepherd would teach His sheep. Lie down that you may have strength to walk in the paths of righteousness. It is generally recognized as being a very difficult thing to get God's people to lie down and study and pray. They will do most anything but pray, the very thing they should do. They will run, walk, sing, teach, preach, do most anything and everything except seek seasons of quiet and periods of retirement for secret communion with God and soul nurture.

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

How many of us are willing to go alone into the woods like the Master did, and spend all night with God, in order to have something to offer the sick and needy multitudes?

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

In every one of the Gospels, Christ is set forth as a Wonder Worker. All His miracles—power over diseases, sin, demons, death—were the Lord's credentials, giving evidence of His Messiahship.

John was in prison and sent his apostles to Jesus to ask Him if He were the Christ, or should they look for another. Jesus said, Tell John the sick are healed, the blind see, the lame walk, devils are cast out, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Jesus did not compel men to follow Him. He fed the multitudes. From Matt. 14:15-18, we learn that five thousand were fed with five loaves and two small fishes. Matt. 15:32-39 says He fed four thousand with seven loaves and two fishes.

Feeding this great multitude points to Him as the Bread of Life. The healing of the blind man reveals Him as the Light of the world. Just three words were spoken by the Master, "Lazarus, come forth," and the dead was raised. This sets Him forth as the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus sent the Twelve and gave them power over all sickness and demons. Matt. 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease. Verse 8, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

I did not say this. Jesus spoke these words. I am sure Jesus meant just what He said. He expects us to do that very thing. The signs of an apostle were: (1) he was chosen directly by the Lord; (2) he was endowed with signs, gifts, miraculous power. These were his divine credentials.

Acts 5:15, 16, "Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

In John 14:12, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Isa. 59:1, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

God will supply, but we must apply, lift Him up. The early Church did not lift up a Jesus who could only save people's souls, but One who had all power in heaven and in earth, and could heal their blind eyes, cancers, leprosy, lameness, etc., as well. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, and if the twentieth

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



80 PER CENT OF SOUTHERNERS "NEVER DARKEN CHURCH DOOR"

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

The percentage of Southerners who "never darken the door of anybody's church" probably is more than 80 per cent, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, estimated in an address at Missionary Day exercises at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Changing social and economic conditions have cut off large sectors of our population from the church, the school, and the kind of home conditions conducive to the proper rearing of children, Dr. Lawrence said, referring to deplorable living conditions found in many mining, lumber, trucking, and oil camps.

There is a great need for a change of missions methods to minister to thirty millions of unchurched people in the South, Dr. Lawrence said.

"We must get out from the walls of our churches and carry the gospel to the people where they are," he declared. "We need large numbers of missionaries who will be willing to live in trailers in migrant camps over the land and be schoolteachers and ministers in these needy communities," he said.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

MOSES prayed, his prayer did save

A nation from death, and from the grave.

Exodus 32:14.

JOSHUA prayed, the sun stood still;

His enemies fell in vale and hill.

Joshua 10:12-20.

HANNAH prayed, God gave her a son;

A nation back to the Lord she won.

1 Samuel 1 and 7.

SOLOMON prayed for wisdom. Then,
God made him the wisest of mortal men.

1 Kings 3:12; 10:24.

ELIJAH prayed with great desire;

God gave him rain, and sent the fire.

1 Kings 18:37-45.

JONAH prayed, God heard his wail;

He quickly delivered him from the whale.

Jonah 2:1-10.

Three HEBREWS prayed, through flames they trod;

They had as a comrade the Son of God.

Daniel 3:21-25.

ELISHA prayed with strong emotion;

He received "the mantle" and a "double portion."

2 Kings 2:9-14.

DANIEL prayed. The lions' claws

Were held by the angel who locked their jaws.

Daniel 6:10-22.

Ten LEPERS prayed, to the priests were sent;

Glory to God! they were healed as they went.

Luke 17:12-14.

PETER prayed, and Dorcas arose

To life again, from death's repose.

Acts 9:39-41.

The THIEF he prayed—for mercy cried;

He went with Christ to paradise.

Luke 23:42, 43.

The CHURCH, she prayed, then got a shock

When Peter answered her prayer with a knock!

Acts 12:5-16.

ABRAM STOPPED praying, cities fell,

With all their sins, into hell!

Genesis 19:24; Jude 7.

The DISCIPLES KEPT praying; the Spirit came,

With cloven tongues and revival flame.

Acts 2:1-4.

CONVICTION filled the hearts of men;

Three thousand souls were born again.

Acts 2:41.

When CHRISTIANS pray, as they prayed of yore,

With LIVING FAITH, for souls implore.

Joel 2:17; 2 Chronicles 7:14.

In ONE ACCORD, united stand—

REVIVAL FIRES shall sweep the land.

Acts 2:1; Matt. 18:19.

And SINNERS shall CONVERTED be,

And all the world GOD'S GLORY see.

Zechariah 10:1; Joel 2:18-32.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND
PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

M. E. Thorkildson.

IT'S THE TRUTH

Waiting for a Train—Rides the Hearse Instead

By RALPH CAMPBELL

I was in a railroad station, waiting for an Atlanta-bound train. A woman, apparently in good health, was waiting to board the same train. I heard her remark that she was going to New York to visit for a while. She had been to Florida, and was "just traveling around."

Suddenly she gasped and leaned her head on the back of the bench. A doctor was hurriedly summoned, and as the sound of the whistle far down the tracks announced the approaching train, the woman breathed her last breath.

With a strange feeling, I boarded my train. As it moved slowly from the station, a hearse backed up to the waiting-room door.

As the train sped on in the night, I was thinking—and thinking seriously.

Truly we know not what a day may bring forth. How soon our plans can all be changed!

We should not boastfully say, "I'm going to do so-and-so," but, "if the Lord wills, we shall live, and do this, or that."

"For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

The Power of the Holy Spirit

(Continued from last issue)

(Anonymous)

The Lord of Hosts

Here we have revealed the agents and resources of the Holy Spirit.

God's usual way of working is through human or angelic agents. God does speak directly to hearts, but when He wants to save one, He usually sends one of His servants.

When God gives "exceeding great promises," He waits for some one of His children to claim and plead the promises. He says, "I will yet for this be inquired of."

God is waiting for those who will follow Him wholly. He will then do exploits. God wants all these earthly hosts to fall in line and wait upon Him to receive the almighty power of the Holy Spirit. He desires to give a larger endowment than ever before.

The need of the present hour demands it and the promises of God are focusing on the period before the awful day of the Lord. Christians need to awaken to the fact that this mighty outpouring is to come before the tribulation and the coming of the Lord, for it is promised "before that great and notable day of the Lord."

Many students of the Word have been hindered by the way they divide the prophetic Word and thus put this promise after the Lord comes. We doubt not the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit then, but the promise is for the "before" time when all flesh is to feel the mighty movings of His Spirit before the final, terrible judgments fall. It may take some judgments before the final ones to solemnize all, but this promise is to be fulfilled before the greatest judgments. The partial fulfillment on the day of Pentecost was before the day of the Lord, and the completion of this prophecy in its setting is likewise to have its wondrous fulfillment before that terrible day.

Every sign seems to indicate that that day is approaching. The coldness and formalism of Christians, the destructive criticism of the Bible, the deadening effect of so much of the present-day intellectual and scientific systems of thought, the almost universal worship of money, pleasure, and worldliness — all this and more

presages the coming of that day, but before it comes there is to be a special time of grace, and any who will, shall be saved.

Ministers, Christian workers, and Christians need now this mighty endowment in preparation for that day. We need to believe for it with all our hearts and then wait before God until He pours out His Spirit as on Pentecost and on the early Church, that signs and wonders may be wrought in the name of His "holy child Jesus." The Holy Spirit comes within us for life and comes upon us for service. Every man thus endued is equipped with God's wondrous power to do valiant service as one of the Lord's hosts.

Heavenly or Angelic Hosts

Beside this earthly host of God's endued children there are the heavenly or angelic hosts. God ministers His Holy Spirit through them. This marvelous angelic ministry is obscure to Christians until God opens His Word to them and opens their spiritual eyes. There is need of this great illumination. Of the angels He said, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Heb. 1:14.

The hosts of darkness are so many and bind with chains of darkness so many souls and so many cities and so many countries, but the hosts of light are far more multitudinous and have the almighty endowment of the Holy Spirit so that we, through them, may always be conquerors and "more than conquerors."

It is an unspeakable aid to faith to be able to thus see the agents God uses. When we look about us, the forces of God's children often look insignificant and those of the enemy seem so strong and so entrenched, but when our eyes are open, as were those of the servant of the prophet, we will understand his words, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them . . . and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." The realization of this fact of angelic

helpers strengthens faith. We believe that God in all His supernatural working uses their agency.

David feared not the mighty Goliath because he trusted God and because he knew Him as "the Lord of hosts." The hosts of Israel were faint-hearted and afraid when Goliath challenged and mocked, but David knew the Lord of the heavenly hosts and counted on his supernatural help. David said to the great Goliath, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts," 1 Sam. 17:45. When the apostle Peter was in prison chained to two soldiers and his execution was expected the next morning, the little company of believers met in an upper room and united in fervent prayer for his deliverance. How could such a little company contend with Herod? Only by way of the throne was help to come! They prayed and God sent His angel, who awakened and released Peter so that his chains fell off and he passed out into the city. The great iron gate seemed to open of its own accord.

Ministers of the gospel and all Christians need to have faith in the "Lord of hosts." Many souls with which we have to do are chained to evil habits and associates just as truly as Peter was chained to the two soldiers. There is deliverance by the "Lord of hosts" and God sends His angel and it is easy. We all need faith in the supernatural and in the mighty ministry of God through His invisible or visible angels.

Oh, the cities which seem to have their great iron gate shut against God, and the countries and kingdoms which are shut against God! God is waiting for some faithful one like Daniel to intercede, or a little company like that which prayed for Peter, and the gate will open of its own accord.

We read in Hebrews 11:33 of those "who through faith subdued kingdoms." God is waiting for His intercessors for the countries closed against the Gospel or for the countries where the Gospel has such little power and He will send His angels

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Divine Healing

REV. JOSEPH E. COX, PASTOR, MOSINEE, WIS.

There is much controversy concerning the doctrine of healing in these last days, and for the skeptical and disheartened this article is written in hopes that you may get a clearer understanding on this important and seemingly neglected doctrine. To you who are sick, this article is also dedicated. Many are in doubt as to healing and some have asked:

Is Healing for us Today?

If this be an honest inquiry, I believe we can help by reference to the Word of God. Jesus, in His ministry, taught and practiced divine healing as seen in Matthew 4:23, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." This supernatural power Jesus transmitted to others; viz, the twelve—Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto Him His twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease"; the seventy—Luke 10:1,9, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. (And their commission was) . . . heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." This discredits what some believe—that Jesus gave this power and authority to His disciples only. "But how about today?" you ask. Many passages could be cited; let one suffice. Mark 16:17, 18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe. . . (who? "them that believe") they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Access to Divine Healing

You will notice here that there are approaches to receiving divine healing, and that all three approaches depend on faith.

1. Faith of those desiring healing.

Matt. 9:20; Mark 5:25-34, 36. This woman had suffered for years and spent her entire life's saving on physicians to find health and healing, but steadily grew worse. Matt. 9:21 tells us she came to the place



where she had faith to be healed, "For she said within herself, If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole." She had faith and received accordingly. Notice verse 22, that was *her* faith which made her whole—"thy faith hath made thee whole."

2. Then it is the faith of others.

Matt. 8:5-10. This is the story of the This brings us to our third thought. himself, but for his servant. It was *his* faith, not the servant's, that brought healing to his sick servant. We see this same vicarious faith in operation and bringing results in Matt. 9:2, 6, 7, "And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy (extreme case of nervousness), lying on a bed (absolutely helpless): and Jesus seeing *their* faith said unto the sick of the palsy . . . Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." Why did He say, "Take up thy bed?" To prove the healing as genuine. A person in such a state of nervousness can hardly grasp anything, but this healing was so definite that we find he was able to carry his bed (or the pad on which he slept) into his house. This brings us to our third thought.

3. Sometimes it is the faith of the one doing the praying.

Matt. 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing (herein is your faith), ye shall receive." Mark 11:24 tells us the same. It is said of Stephen in Acts 6:8, "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people."

Let Us Consider Hindrances to Our Healing

There are a number of things that could hinder our healing, but let us consider just two of the main reasons:

1. Unbelief.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." As already stated above, there are three approaches to divine healing, but in each one of these approaches you remember there has to be faith. Unbelief will rob you of healing many times.

2. Lack of confession

Is another reason that healing is not gained. Read James 5:13-16. Verse 16 says, "Confess your faults one to another."

Then, just in passing another reason, healing is hindered because of selfish purposes. James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss (which means in error, wrong, in a faulty manner), that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

The Mode of Healing

1. By the laying on of hands.

Luke 4:40, "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them." Other scriptures are Mark 6:5; 8:23-25; Acts 28:8; Mark 16:15-20. Read these for yourself.

2. Anointing with oil.

Mark 6:13, referring to the twelve, "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." See also James 5:14.

3. When no elders are present.

Have others pray for you, James 5:16, or either pray for yourself, James 5:13.

Healing May or May Not Be Instantaneous

1. Many that were prayed for were healed instantly. Acts 5:16.

2. Then there were others who were not, but who eventually were healed. See, for example, the case of the blind man, who at first was not completely healed, but who was eventually healed. This may be your case.

In conclusion, I might say that I trust this simple message on this subject may be an inspiration to your faith in getting healing from the Lord. This is written with a prayer that it may bring courage, hope, and faith to your heart. To you who are skeptical, may I just add this, "Have faith in God."

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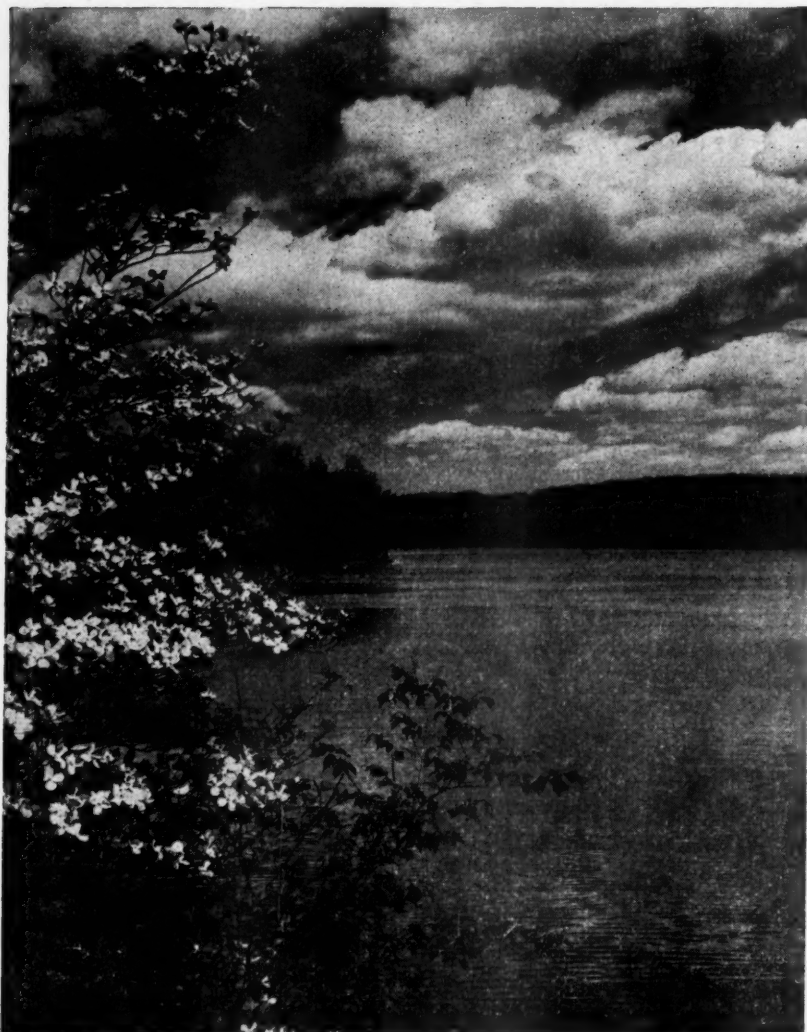
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INTRODUCTION

These truths are as old as God's Word. In this message I wish to stress the importance of each phase of God's great plan; viz, great *prayer*, great *peace*, great *praise*, and great *power*. No one will dispute, I'm sure, the importance of either phase of my subject, because they all combine to make the delightful whole of God's plan. There is a sermon in each thought.

GREAT PRAYER

Prayer is certainly great in its content. It is the royal telephone from earth to glory, the intercommunication system between God's great field and His office. By it, men's weary souls commune with God and are glad. "Men ought to pray" signifies its importance, its greatness. One has said, "The *prayer warrior* is one soldier the devil cannot defeat." Great and impossible things have been brought to pass through the medium of prayer. Men who *pray do not faint*. Those who *fail will both faint and fail*. Through prayer, the prayer of repentance, sinful man approaches a merciful God, who is not "willing that any shall perish but that all should come to repentance," and finds rest for his soul.

Time would fail us, space is inadequate, to describe things accomplished through the prayer of faith. By it, men have gone through the fiery furnace without harm. Prayer locked the jaws of hungry lions; prayer raised the dead to life again; prayer made the sick well again. Prayer unlocked jail doors, put songs of praise in hearts of men, and made them happy for time and eternity. We especially like to refer to the midnight prayer of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail, when they sang praises to God and the prisoners heard them, of the earthquake that followed and the great revival that broke out that night, in which the jailer and his family were converted.

Texts—

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint," Luke 18:1.

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them," Psalm 119:165.

"And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God," Luke 24:53.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Acts 1:8.

Four Great "P's" God's Great Plan

By REV. C. G. PASCHAL

One preacher said God sang with them that night, that He sang bass so deep it shook the prisoners loose and the doors open. There may be some question about that, but not one will dispute that He answered prayer. After all, *answered prayers* are the essence of life, and not just formally said prayers that so many are substituting for the *prayed prayer of faith*. James said, "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*"

GREAT PEACE

"Great peace have they that love thy law." Peace is defined as "inward quietness," "spiritual content," "rest for the soul," and "holy calm." Even these words are inadequate in their description of this "great peace." The half has never been told. Only those who have it can fully appreciate it, but not understanding, for it is as the writer says, "peace passing all understanding." The Psalmist assures us this belongs to those who love His law. He goes further and says, "Nothing shall offend them." "Hide his word in your heart that you might not sin against God." That is the only remedy for the sin disease, the only thing that will provide this great peace. There are many scriptures referring to His great peace, but I will leave this thought with this brilliant gem taken from Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect (great) peace, whose mind is stayed (fixed) on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

GREAT PRAISE

No other line of thought in the Scripture is covered more fully than that of praising God. Just as prayer is man's medium of communing with God, *praise* is man's method of worshipping God. So, praise is an essential part of God's great plan. Praise should not be seasonal but continual in nature. It should be of regular nature, a

part of man's daily life. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." "His praise shall continually be in my mouth." "Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments." "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name." "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." These are some of the statements of David, a man after God's own heart. Every true child of God should feel this way about praising God, but I am afraid from what I can see that we do not. The poet put it this way:

*"O for a thousand tongues to sing
Our great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King
That crowns with joy our days."*

Our trouble, I'm afraid, is that we do not use the one tongue we do have to praise Him as we should. If we had a thousand tongues and used them no more than we do the one that is ours, we still would be far behind in our praise life. God, give us genuine heartfelt praise.

GREAT POWER

"Ye shall receive power." We speak of God's power in terms of awe and reverence. Unlike the powers of men, which are given of God, such as physical strength, mental brilliance or power of the mind, as we sometimes express it, the power of God in Himself is far greater than even the powers of nature. The atomic bomb, with all its devastating forces, is like a one-cent firecracker compared to the great power of our God.

The word "power" is derived from the Greek word "dunamos," or dynamo. No other force is so great, no power is so strong, as the power of God. "Greater is he that is in you than he (the power of evil) that is

in the world." In the physical world, we speak of dynamite, TNT, atomic energy, electricity, and their powers, and these physical energies are great, but none so great as the power of God. It takes hundreds of dynamos to provide electricity for light and service for the people of earth, and yet, many of them do not enjoy this provision; but God's one great dynamo generates enough power for every man. The line runs right by your door. Hook on and enjoy its benefits. "The promise (of power) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Peter told them on the day of Pentecost.

This great power for light and service must have been important, yes, greatly important, for He said unto His disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come." On the verge of His going away, He urged them to go back to Jerusalem and "tarry until ye be endued with power from on high." This power was to be ours "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Some would have you believe that this power is periodic in nature, others that it is spasmodic, still others that it is idiotic, but I claim it is none of them. Supporting me in my claim is the Word of God itself, for after the Holy Ghost was given there has been no time since, when men met the condition of receiving, that the power was not available. Such was this great power that the unlearned fishermen of Galilee turned the world upside down (upset its general course), three thousand souls were pricked in their hearts and turned to God in one day, and, according to the promise, were filled with the Holy Ghost. Holy men filled with this great power did miracles of divine nature, insomuch that men marvelled at the sight. It is still the same today. Years of time have not changed it at all. If you would have this power, obey God, and you, too, can have, and will say that this is great power.

CONCLUSION

I must say that the four great "P's" in God's great plan are like four great pistons in a mighty engine: they all must fire to produce the utmost of power.

The persons who keep looking up by faith will have no occasion to drown in doubt.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

ARE YOU WILLING TO DO YOUR PART?

Dear Brother Brinsfield and all the Church of God:

This past month was a blessing to the churches in Germany. We had two good revivals, which will mean two new churches. One was held in Schlierbach, between Albershausen and Kirchheim, where we already have churches organized. Brother Willy Kaelberer, pastor of the church in Albershausen, was the evangelist. He is a man called of God—a real prophet of God—reared in the church. This revival brought good results.

The other revival was in Wendlingen. There are many towns surrounding this little city. We had a good attendance there and people came from all around. Many were gripped by the Word of God. It was one of the best revivals we have ever had. The Lord was with us mightily every evening. We had a fine choir, composed of young people from all the neighboring Churches of God. Brother Emil Hellwig led the choir. I am sure it was the finest spiritual singing ever heard there. We praise God for this, for He is the Vine bearing fruit through His branches. This revival I held myself, and we had good results. A new church will be erected here, as well as in the above town, and both will be set in order soon, D. V. As the weather gets more settled, we shall go forward with the building. The Lord has been wonderful to supply us with materials.

While we had these good revival meetings, with God's precious anointing in our midst, I just wished you could be with us. I know it would have done your heart good to see and hear how God is working among our German people. We have our trials, the devil has not gone on a vacation in Germany, but by the grace of God we can say we are overcoming by the

words of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb. Oh, hallelujah! Praise His name! It is a privilege to serve Him, and by God's grace we want to serve Him better as we know Him better.

In the natural, it looks bad in Germany, as you may know from reading the daily press. This month the authorities gave no fat in the rations—no butter, no lard or any kind of fat. One living in the States can hardly understand what this means. This scarcity of fat has continued for many months. People have no more reserves in their bodies. Often our dear saints' needs bring a burden to our hearts, and we know He loves them as He does any of His own. The righteous has to suffer with the ungodly. If any are able to lift some of this burden, we know God will bless them richly for it. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies," Psalm 41:1, 2. If any have this world's goods and see his brother starving, how can the love of God abide in that heart? "Cast thy bread on the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days," Eccl. 11:1.

I remember the days when I was in the States, and the farmers were killing hogs and filling their fifty-pound lard cans. If a few would get together and send some fat, that would help. That is what is needed—fat. Ask the Lord, He will guide. He does not want anybody to give who is not able, that you should suffer, but many live in luxury and have abundantly and are able to give. God wants to remind those to remember their brethren.

We ask the Church everywhere to hold us up in prayer. Some cannot go to carry the gospel, some are not able

to give, but surely you can help by praying every day in the Holy Ghost. This is a field white unto harvest, but the reapers are few. The Lord of harvest wants you to do your part and be a co-worker with us, helping to bring the full gospel and the true Church of lively stones to Germany. You should see the thankfulness of those whose blind eyes have been opened. Help us to bring them in from the fields of sin and those who are in Babylonian captivity. "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept . . . we hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof." Do we see those that are in captivity, who once made a joyful noise unto the Lord, singing in their hearts, having the victory? Many others have not kept His commandments, have been scattered abroad and are in confusion of Babel. Thanks be to God that some of them are singing and rejoicing again like their forefathers. "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord has done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Oh, for more going forth, weeping for those who are sitting in Babylonian captivity and those in Egypt who are in the slavery of sin and the devil. Don't you hear them weeping, sitting in misery, and see their sad faces, knowing no way out? Come with us in the soul-saving business. Lead them out of captivity into which their blind leaders led them. You, also, shall come bringing in the sheaves. It is the best work and brings the greatest joy. No man has greater love than to lay his life down for his friends. That is what He did for us, while we were still His enemies. That love was coals of fire upon our heads, burning their way to our hearts. This very same love of God will move us to follow in His footsteps. It moved Paul and Silas to lay their lives down for the Philippians, and they founded a church there. It will move you to do something to bring about God's

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REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

Miss Frances Caddell, who was hit by a car. She has one broken hip, the other is fractured. She has cuts and bruises and possibly internal injuries. Also, her father and brother to be saved.—Mrs. W. B. Stephenson, 9 Lucille Drive, Dayton 4, Ohio.

A special unspoken request; my healing.—Mrs. Viola Noon, Talladega, Ala.

The Lord to give us a great revival and bless our services; my son to be saved. He was injured in the war and drinks badly.—Mrs. W. J. Siner, Maysville, Okla.

My daughter Helen, who is very sick.—Mrs. J. F. Ruffner, 51 W. Palmer, Detroit 2, Mich.

My healing. My case is serious.—Mrs. Bessie Lender, Juniata, Pa.

Mrs. Lillie Peters, who has cataracts on both eyes.—A Friend, Altoona, Pa.

My healing of a severe headache, I have been suffering for over three weeks; my sister to be healed.—Ona Sue Helton, Route 3, Greenville, Tenn.

Healing for gall bladder trouble.—C. W. Kendall, Box 77, West Point, Miss.

My healing of an infection; Gila Dean, who was seriously hurt in a car wreck.—Mary Dean, 2111 Curin Ave., Durham, N. C.

Healing for my mother and son; an unspoken request.—A Reader.

My healing of psoriasis.—H. C. Harter, Port Royal, S. C.

My healing. I have been a shut-in for four years. I would appreciate encouraging letters.—Roy Buchanan, Rt. 2, Sevierville, Tenn.

My healing of liver and gall trouble; my son, Otto Harris, Booneville, Miss., who is very sick with ulcers of the stomach and T. B. in one lung; that the Lord will save and heal my boy.—Mrs. Annie Lee Harris, Route 2, Box 138, Clarksdale, Miss.

Me to receive heartfelt salvation; my family.—Clyde Molen, Kingsport, Tenn.

Healing for M. H. Durbin, Desloge, Mo.

Rev. G. F. Frank, who suffered a heart attack three weeks ago and is very sick. His address is 841 North Mitchell St., Cadillac, Mich.

Two unspoken requests; God to save my husband, who is a drunkard and gambler; my dad and brother and family to be saved.—A Friend.

My husband, who has heart trouble and high blood pressure, to be healed, both soul and body.—Pearl Rogers, Bourbon, Mo.

My husband to be saved; two special requests for my brother and me.—Mrs. Josephine Parks, Bastian, Va.

God to save our son, who is in the U. S. Navy, and his wife; my brothers and sisters to be saved; my husband and mother to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Byna Buchanan, Warrior Mine, W. Va.

Joyce Ann Hayens, who has leukemia.

Me, I have been afflicted about three months with some kind of breaking out, and my nerves are bad; my family to turn to the Lord; my mother, who has been sick all winter.—Mrs. May Holten, Baxley, Ga.

Healing for my limbs and ankles; my wife's healing; the Lord to give us greater faith.—W. A. and Mrs. Campbell, Cleveland, S. C.

My daughter and husband to be saved; my husband and baby to regain their health.—A Reader.

Healing for my knees.—Miss Ethel Tidwell, 2806 40th Avenue, N. Birmingham, Ala.

The Lord to heal me; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Lillie Atehy, Birmingham, Ala.

My son, Jesse E. Wright, who has a very serious infection in his finger.—Mrs. Julie Ingham Jones.

My healing of cancer; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—A Friend.

An urgent request; my brother.—A Sister in Christ.

A special unspoken request.—A Child of God.

A very special request for healing and that the blessings of the Lord may be restored to me as they once were; God's will may be done in my life.—A Believer in Christ.

Me, I am going through a severe trial.—A Sister in Christ.

Healing of cancer on my face. I am improving.—Mrs. Mary Wishown, LaFollette, Tenn.

The Lord to save my brothers and sisters.—Lulu Breland, Neely, Miss.

Me, I have been very sick since last September. The Lord has healed in our family before.—Etta Scoggins, 1189 Holley St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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My daughter to be healed; my healing; that I may be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. A. McDowan, Jonesboro, Ark.

An urgent request; my father, who had a stroke and his left side is paralyzed; he has high blood pressure and a bad heart. His condition is very critical.—Maxie Gardner, Norton, Va.

God to give us favor and grant a permit from the city board for a new building in which to worship.—Sarah E. Fuller, Box 2564, Wichita Falls, Texas.

My son, who was in a wreck and has both legs broken, an injured back, and isn't saved; the Lord to save me, husband, and my family, and heal my son.—Mrs. Lina Walker, Lake Alfred, Fla.

The Lord to save my husband, very urgent.—A Sister.

My mother's healing of T. B.; my loved ones to be saved; that I may be drawn closer to the Lord.—A Sister.

Mrs. Pauline Smith, who is blind; Mrs. Mary Freeman, who has a skin disease; Mrs. Ida Thurman, who has nervous headaches; Mrs. Mannie Bellamy, who suffers with her chest; Alex Baldwin and Willie Baldwin to be saved; Willie George's healing of swelling in his hands.—Sallie Baldwin, Hallsboro, N. C.

My healing and a closer walk with God.—Frances Burgess, Clifty, Tenn.

Brother Matthew Durbin, who is in a serious condition with a nervous breakdown.—A Reader.

My daughter-in-law to receive the Holy Ghost; my son to be saved and delivered from the tobacco habit; my sister's boy to be saved; God to save my husband.—Mrs. Otway Gurgonna, Washington, N. C.

My healing of sugar diabetes; healing for another sister; the Lord to give us a great revival.—Bessie Register, Callahan, Fla.

Me to be directed of the Lord to know how to solve a certain problem.—A Member.

Healing for Mrs. Vera Owen, Lexington, N. C., who is in a serious condition.—A Reader.

My daughter to be healed.—Helen Martin, Isom, Ky.

God to save my son and heal him of osteomalacia of the bone; my daughter to be saved and healed of several ailments; my healing of stomach trouble and a bad cut on my wrist.—N. M. Suggs, 105 S. Garland St., Orlando, Fla.

My healing of cancer of the stomach; God to save my husband.—Mandy Marton, Rockmart, Ga.

My complete healing.—Mrs. C. M. Clopton, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Healing for my mother's throat, very serious.—Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Greenwood, S. C.

An urgent request for Lydia B. Ricker; one boy to be saved, another who is very sick.—Sister Emma Newman, Augusta, Me.

My healing of cancer.—Mrs. Anna Dotson, Pound, Va.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mrs. Sarah Cordell, Empire, Ala.

Sister Marrie Affholele to be healed; she is afflicted and blind.—Ira Wilson, Dudley, Mo.

A very urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Velma Hall, Alma, Ga.

My husband and me to be drawn closer to God.—Alice Mae Hyson.

Urgent unspoken requests.—Sister Cloa-payton, Indianapolis, Ind.

My children's salvation; an unspoken request.—A member, Albany, Ga.

A special unspoken request.—A sister, Calhoun, Ga.

My wife, who is in serious condition.—John C. Hicks, Lakeland, Fla.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A sister, Danville, Va.

Three special requests.—Joan Ricketts, Booneville, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Bessie Holmes, Carrollton, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Verna Hill, Davidson, Tenn.

Me to be saved and healed; my husband, who is in bad health; my two little girls.—Mrs. W. F. Stafford, Belton, S. C.

My healing of lumbago and neuritis.—Raymond Kerna, Hazlehurst, Ga.

My healing; my sister; an urgent unspoken request.—A sister, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mrs. Mary Youngblood, who is afflicted; her little boy, who has a growth in his nose and has epileptic fits.—Mrs. J. W. Pritchard,

Taylorsville, N. C.

God to give me faith, heal my crippled knees, and bring my husband back to Jesus.—A sister, Whitehouse, Fla.

My little boy's leg; my whole family.—Mrs. Treva Elses, Hixon, Tenn.

My brother to be healed of heart trouble; Sister Conner, who has gone blind; husband to be saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost and be healed; my mother's eyes to be healed.—Janie Loyd, Halifax, Va.

My unseparated brother; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; my father to be healed of a nervous condition.—Mrs. Earl Osborne, Duff, Tenn.

Me to be healed; my loved ones.—A sister, Travelers Rest, S. C.

My son, to be healed and saved; my husband and other loved ones to be saved.—A friend, Erwin, Tenn.

My brother, who is insane, to be healed; my family and me to be healed.—Mrs. E. E. Beck, Cornelia, Ga.

My boy who is in trouble.—Mrs. G. W. Barnhart, Raven Rock, W. Va.

My children and husband to be saved; two sons to be healed.—A sister, Travelers Rest, S. C.

Me to be healed; my sister and her husband to be healed and saved.—Goldie Price, Cherryville, N. C.

My leg; my children to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Minnie Wood, Alpharetta, Ga.

A very needy family; a heartbroken mother.—Mrs. E. D. Fox, Starkville, Miss.

The Lake Village, Ark., Mission; there is no Church of God here.—J. C. Autry, Lake Village, Ark.

Our church which was wrecked by a tornado to be rebuilt.—Mrs. F. R. Coggins, Bristol, Ga.

Me to become more humble; my husband to be saved; two unspoken requests.—A Sister.

My uncle to be saved and find a job; a very special request.—Lillian Fuslong, Logan, Ill.

Me to be healed; my son to be saved.—Mrs. F. L. Wallace, 3016 Holt St., Charlotte 5, N. C.

My body to be healed; an unspoken request.—R. G. Rackley, Shannon, Ga.

Sister Miller's home; my home and husband.—Mrs. E. L. Robbins, Princeton, W. Va.

Me to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. Ava Dotson, Pound, Va.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A Sister in Christ.

The healing of my body.—Sister Mannie Walker, 1811 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga.

Me to know and do God's will.—Eleanor Faust, 618 Bedford St., Scalp Level, Pa.

Victory in My Soul

ONEONTA, Ala.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. We had a week-end revival with Brother Lewis Talley and several visitors from other places. The Lord certainly blessed. One lady was healed and a brother, who was about to lose his eyesight, was touched. Pray for us.—Gussie Aldredge.

TRACTS

We can furnish the following tracts at 75c a pound, assorted or otherwise:

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Reports FROM THE FIELD

Huntington Church Achieves Great Triumph

HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—The week end of March 20, 21, was a gala time in the life of the Huntington Church. It was a combination of "district convention" and "official opening" of the new church at Huntington, the latter being an event which had long been looked for by the Huntington people.

For many years the people here have had to suffer undue reproach because of the unavoidable circumstances which placed their church in a bad location for the growth of their work. Move after move had been made to better the situation, but each time unscrupulous folk, "who did not want a holiness church in their neighborhood," blocked the way. Then God showed Himself strong in our behalf. The way was provided for us to get one of the most valuable plots of ground in the southeastern section of the City, the result being an edifice which, when completed, will be worth at least \$40,000.

The district convention was an added blessing to our opening. Rev. Paul Walker and his family were guests of honor, and their stay in our city, with his wonderful sermons, were the high spots of the convention. A special message on "Unity" was perhaps the most important in these perilous times. The district folk gave a substantial offering to the Huntington Church to help them along in their building program. We thank each donor for everything done in our behalf. Through the words of the poet, we can truthfully say:

"Through many dangers, toil and snares.

We have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far,

And grace will lead us home."

Credit is due the pastor, Rev. S. E. Jennings, his board of trustees, who backed him to the limit in starting the building program, and the faithful band of co-workers who, through their perseverance and self-sacrifice, helped push the program until it became a reality. The unflinching backing of the state overseer, Rev. Paul Walker, to our building program is a thing

to be remembered, for it has been a grand bolster to our morals.—Mrs. Lindsay C. Davis, Clerk.

Church of God Moving and Progressing

EAST DAYTON, Ohio.—The church here has recently moved from 209 Crane Street to 37 North Hedges Street. On Sunday, January 4, 1948, we had our opening service conducted by Brother D. A. Biggs, of Middletown, Ohio. The new church has a forty-five foot auditorium, a five-room parsonage, large Sunday School rooms, and a large adjoining lot on which we plan to expand in the future. The different departments are all cooperating to make the church a bigger and better place in which to worship. We appreciate our new pastor, Brother J. W. Maness, and his wife, who have been a blessing to the church and are loved by all.

We have just closed a five weeks' revival, which was the most successful we have ever had. Our well-known evangelist was Brother James Combs, of Hamilton, Ohio. His preaching and singing accompanied by his guitar were greatly enjoyed. The church was filled to its capacity most every night. This revival has caused many people to have a deeper spiritual experience with God. The power of the Lord was manifested throughout the entire revival. Fourteen were saved, six sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. Pray for our church that we may continue to be of service to the Master. — Yvonne Stephenson and Frances Caddell.

Happy In New Mexico

HOBBS, N. Mex. — We are very happy to be in New Mexico for the first time. We feel that it was the leading of the Lord for us to come to Hobbs as pastor. Our Sunday School and Y.P.E. have more than doubled since we have been here, and the church building is filled to its capacity every Sunday night.

We have put hardwood flooring on the rostrum and in two of the Sunday

School rooms. There are new gas heaters in all the Sunday School rooms and in the parsonage.

The Ladies Willing Workers have bought a new gas range for the parsonage.

We appreciate this fine group of people and the way they work. They certainly have been nice to us, and God is blessing our services in a great way. Six have been saved and four have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We feel that great gains will be made for God and His Church this year. Pray for us here at Hobbs—J. E. Dement, Pastor.

NOTE: We appreciate the progress being made at Hobbs and the good pastor who is working so faithfully there. We would not be surprised if before this time next year there is not a nice new church at Hobbs, for those good people work, and they really accomplish things for God.—Bascom Stanley, State Overseer.

Another Revival at Alabama City

On Saturday night, March 5, the Alabama City Church had the singular honor of beginning a revival with none other than our much-beloved and highly esteemed Rev. R. P. Johnson doing the preaching. The meeting was a revival from the very first night until the three glorious weeks were over.

Many of you know of my misfortune in having an automobile wreck and being prevented from attending the first two weeks of the revival, as well as missing the first two weeks of our daily broadcast over WGWD, 570 on the dial, 4-4:30; yet, both were carried on in a great way, by Reverends R. P. Johnson, J. A. Brown, and J. D. McCay and our good singers.

According to the number we were able to ascertain, thirty-five were saved, twenty sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty added to the church.

The Easter Sunday morning service was dedicated to missions. After Brother Johnson's great message, a love offering was given, amounting to \$260. I would not fail to mention that Sister R. P. Johnson was here with her smiles, prayers, and inspiring testimonies. We shall never forget Brother and Sister Johnson for the great work they did here, and may the Lord Jesus bless them always.—J. D. Bright, Pastor.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

***** Testimonies *****

Giving Sunday Eggs for Missions— sweet Holy Ghost. Bless His sweet
God Is Blessing name! He's just the same as He was

FRIENDSHIP, Tenn.—Dear Sisters of the Church of God, please let me suggest that we who have chickens give all our Sunday eggs for the worthy cause of missions. You will be surprised to see how much we could raise in twelve months. I know God has laid this on my heart. Pastors, put this before your church.

The first Sunday in February I gathered nine eggs. I hadn't gotten any in so long, I set that nine for missions. On February 8, I gathered fourteen, and on February 15, I gathered twenty-two. I am not able to work to make any money for missions. I have only a few hens, but as God helps me with them, I will give to foreign missions.—Mrs. Sid Latham.

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LAWTON, Okla.—James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

I have been saved, sanctified, and serving the Lord since May, 1947, and never want to turn back into this old world of sin. Oh, thank God! I know He is merciful and can and will heal my body. For four months I have been very sick and coughing a lot. The doctors put me in the hospital and can't find what is wrong with me, but our Saviour knows. As you read this, ask God to relieve me of this awful pain in my side. In Matthew 20:29-34, we find that two blind men kept on appealing to Jesus in spite of the demands for silence, and were healed. These are wonderful words to me. Also, pray for my husband that he might be saved.—Sister Arretta Adams.

TABLE 1

I thank and praise God for full and free salvation. I can never thank Him enough for what He means to me and for His great and wonderful healing power.—Mrs. H. T. Branom, Sheffield, Ala.

About twenty-four years ago the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified, and filled my soul with heaven's

sweet Holy Ghost. Bless His sweet name! He's just the same as He was the day He came in and blessed my soul. By His help and grace and power I mean to go through at any cost. About two years ago He wonderfully healed me of cancer. I wasn't able to raise my head. The children of God came in and prayed the prayer of faith, and the Lord wonderfully blessed my body. A few months later I accidentally drank some lye which was double strong, and the Lord came on the scene. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. He means so much to me. When I call on Him, I find Him ready to lend a helping hand. I feel like He is worthy of all the praise I can give Him.—Mrs. Annie Cooksey, Isola, Miss.

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COLUMBUS, Ga.—I thank the Lord for His goodness to us recently. When my father was very sick, I promised the Lord if He would heal him, I would tell of it. My father got better, and I thank God for it now. Jesus is all we will let Him be.—Mrs. Mathis.

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YOUNGSVILLE, N. C.—I am a reader of the *Evangel* and enjoy reading it next to the Holy Bible. It is filled each time with interesting facts from the Bible. I live near a Church of God and hope to become a member. I am grateful for the way God is blessing and saving souls.—Jack Young.

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POTOSI, Mo.—The *Evangel* has been a wonderful blessing to me. The wonderful articles have blessed my soul many times and have given me new courage. I have sent requests to the *Evangel* at different times and God has undertaken.—A sister.

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DUNN, La.—I praise the Lord for salvation and His mercy and goodness to me. I love Him and want to be worthy of His love for me. I was sick for about five weeks. He raised me up and I praise Him for it. I praise Him for bringing me out of darkness into the light of His Word. My desire is to be a blessing to others. I thank every-

one who prayed for me while I was sick. Pray for my two boys to get salvation. God bless everyone.—Edna Dixon.

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I am truly thankful for God's wonderful healing power. About two years ago, I was healed of nervous spells. Recently, I was healed of tonsillitis. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Dorothy Parker.

SANFORD, N. C.—Sometime ago I requested you to pray for the Lord to heal my body and save my husband. My body has not been healed, but I do thank the Lord for saving my husband. Please pray for my son who is in a serious condition. Pray for his healing and salvation.—Mrs. Della Taylor.

ALEXANDER CITY Ala.—I thank God for His wonderful healing power. My husband had rheumatism and the Lord healed him. He has been our Healer for over ten years. Our two boys have salvation, for which I thank God. Pray that they will be workers for the Lord, also that the work will grow here.—Orene Osborne.

LANE, Okla.—I told the blessed Lord that if He would heal me of the flu and of a very severe sore throat, I would testify through the *Evangel*. I thank God for His goodness and mercy to me. He has been with us all through these many years and has been our Healer. He has been so good and wonderful to us, and we do praise and thank Him for it all.—Mrs. Mary Belcher.

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POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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May God bless you and make you a blessing, one and all. In the whitened harvest field, we are yours for the Church of God in Germany.
—Brother and Sister Herman Lauster.

Good Revival at Pineville, Kentucky

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to the church. Sister Maggie Disney, the evangelist, did some wonderful preaching and good spiritual singing. She would be a blessing to any church.
—John Hocker, Pastor.

Praise Him Forever

YPSILANTI, Mich.—A short time ago I requested prayer through the Evangel, an unspoken request, not even feeling worthy of being healed in my body, but Jesus saw fit to heal me. Praise Him forever! He always meets us more than half-way. Pray for me to always please Him.—Mrs. Holder.

Saved and Healed at Same Time

BAUXITE, Ark.—I praise God for healing my body. I told the Lord if He would heal me, I would write about it. I felt the power of God, jumped up, and said, "Thank God," and right then God saved me and healed me. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. Pray for my family.—Mrs. Myrtle Gentry.

WHERE IS THE GOD OF ELIJAH TO-DAY?

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century church will lift Him up like they did, He will do the same works to-day and we shall have a world-wide revival. What do you say? Let us contend for the faith and stay on our knees until if we are called to preach, we should have signs following. That is our credentials. I am contending for this. Where is the God of Elijah to-day?

Dr. Torrey said, "I can give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church, or community, or any city on earth. First, let a few Christians, they need not be many, GET THOROUGHLY RIGHT WITH GOD THEMSELVES. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest will come to nothing. Second, let them bring themselves together to pray for a revival, UNTIL GOD OPENS THE HEAVENS AND COMES DOWN. Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of GOD, to use them as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all."

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it ever failed, and it cannot fail. Most ministers have lost the vision. You are satisfied with a small church and with a small congregation, when you should have a vision and work to build your church. Without a vision the people perish.

I was impressed by Rev. A. J. Phillip's vision. He took a church in Frankfort, Ill., Jan. 5, 1947, with seventy-five in Sunday School. Before the year was gone he had 372 in Sunday School. Reverend Phillips said he had a job 365 days a year. He had no time to hunt and fish and vacation. If you expect your church to grow, look in your Dec. 13, 1947, *Church of God Evangel*, and read it. I quote again from Brother Chesser's instructions to the Church in a prayer conference, at Salinas, in October, on "Lack of Prayer a Peril":

"People cannot go without prayer. The individual must pray. The Church must pray. It is a fine thing to have family prayer. Failure to pray has wrecked many homes, churches, and individuals. The lack of prayer means loss of courage. When we have been praying, we have a testimony for God. When men fail to pray, they lose their consecration, and lose their vision."

People can go to other places, but not to prayer meeting. The prayer

meeting brings a revival. Before we pray, it cannot be done; but after we pray, it CAN be done. Where is the God of Elijah? Who shut up the heavens one day? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, men who knew how to pray. God heard the prayer of the prophet and gave him his heart's desire. The God of Elijah is the God that answers by fire. Oh, where is the God of Elijah? They're asking that question to-day. The God of Elijah is ever the same, but where are the people to PRAY? If the world can produce the Elijahs, there is never a question, my friend, for the God of Elijah is the God of His people to-day, and always will be to the end.

1 Kings 17:23b, "And Elijah said, See, thy son liveth." Verse 24, "And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth."

Where is our power to-day? Elijah is a man just like you and I. Jesus is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. Where is the God of Elijah to-day? What are you going to do about it? Brother, if God would take your prayer life as a spiritual thermometer to take your spiritual temperature, I wonder how it would read? God help us to pray.

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